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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: General Cushman's Briefing of Mr. Orr Kelly,
Military Reporter of The Washington Star on
Wednesday, 4 March 1970

1. General Cushman and Mr. John Bross met Mr. Orr Kelly, military writer of The Washington Star, in Mr. Goodwin's office at 1500 hours on 4 March. The meeting was set up with the Director's approval in response to Mr. Kelly's request to talk to Gen. Cushman about the National Intelligence Resources Board, which Secretary Laird mentioned in his unclassified statement on the Defense budget on 20 February. Mr. Goodwin had determined earlier that Mr. Kelly was interested in preparing an article on how the members of the Intelligence Community got along together. Mr. Kelly understood that the meeting was not for attribution.

2. General Cushman started the meeting by outlining the responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence and the role of the United States Intelligence Board. He then described the origin and purpose of the National Intelligence Resources Board (NIRB) which was created to advise the Director on Intelligence Community resource matters, including the relative value to the national intelligence effort of the various U. S. intelligence activities. General Cushman noted that this advice is intended to assist the Director in formulating recommendations to the policy makers regarding the most effective allocation of national intelligence resources. General Cushman's and Mr. Bross' remarks stressed that the roles of the NIRB and the Director of Central Intelligence were advisory, with respect to Department of Defense intelligence resource decisions.

3. In response to Mr. Kelly's question, General Cushman explained the reasons for the establishment of Mr. Froehke's position in the Department of Defense. Mr. Kelly also inquired about press reports

that Congress had been critical of certain aspects of DIA's management. General Cushman suggested that Mr. Kelly look to the Defense Department for comment on DIA, but expressed the opinion that Lt. General Carroll had turned in a highly effective performance in an extremely difficult assignment as the first head of DIA.

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